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SUBJECT: WALLOON RALLY EXPECTED TO JOIN GOVERNMENT

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1. BARRING LAST-MINUTE PROBLEMS, NEGOTIATIONS ON ENLARGEMENT OF SOCIAL-CHRISTIAN-LIBERAL GOVERNMENT TO INCLUDE ONE OR MORE LINGUISTIC PARTIES WILL RESULT IN NEXT FEW DAYS IN ENTRY OF RASSEMBLEMENT WALLON(RW) INTO COALITION. RW AND GOVERNMENT PARTY LEADERS BEGAN TALKS JUNE 9 TO WORK OUT TERMS OF RW PARTICIPATION, WHICH WILL GIVE PRESENT GOVERNMENT A MAJORITY IN THE CHAMBER.

2. GOVERNMENT PARTIES' NEGOTIATIONS WITH LINGUISTIC PARTIES ON UNCLASSIFIED

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REFUSED GOVERNMENT PROGRAM CAME CLOSE LAST WEEK TO ENLARGEMENT

WHICH WOULD HAVE INCLUDED VOLKSUNIE (VU) AND FRONT DEMOCRATIQUE FRANCOPHONE (FDF) AS WELL AS RW BUT FOUNDERED ON QUESTION OF DELIMITATION OF BRUSSELS. IN THOSE TALKS SOCIAL CHRISTIANS LIBERALS, RW, AND VU REACHED AGREEMENT ON FORMULA WHEREBY EXISTING STRUCTURE OF BRUSSELS AND OUTLYING COMMUNES WOULD BE PRESERVED BUT PRESENT FRENCH-SPEAKING RESIDENTS OF NEIGHBORING COMMUNES WITHOUT DUAL LANGUAGE FACILITIES WOULD BE ALLOWED TO REGISTER AS RESIDENTS OF BRUSSELS FOR CIVIL NEEDS SUCH AS IDENTITY CARDS AND OTHER LEGAL REQUIREMENTS. OBJECTING TO CERTAIN DETAILS, FDF DECIDED NOT TO ACCEPT FORMULA AS BASIS FOR PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT. RW WOULD NOT JOIN COALITION WHICH INCLUDED VU UNLESS FDF ALSO PARTICIPATED.

3. RW, SOCIAL CHRISTIAN, AND LIBERAL PARTY COUNCILS ARE EXPECTED TO DECIDE JUNE 10 IF NEW THREE-PARTY COALITION IS ACCEPTABLE. IF THEY DECIDE TO PROCEED, NEW DISTRIBUTION OF PORTFOLIOS MUST TAKE PLACE AND GOVERNMENT PROGRAM, AMENDED TO CONFORM WITH WHATEVER AGREEMENTS ARE FINALLY WORKED OUT WITH RW, MUST BE PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT.

4. WITH RW, GOVERNMENT WILL GAIN THIRTEEN SEATS, THUS HAVING MAJORITY OF NINE.
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